

MINUTES: Centerville Township Windmill Ordinance Committee, September 11, 2006

Present: Mark Zemanek, Molly Hyde, Carolyn Weed, Travis Nelson, Gary Cook, Richard Light, Richard Kobetz, David Wurm

Absent: Joseph Czerniak, Dale Pleva

The committee discussed commercial versus personal windmills. A definition will need to be included in the ordinance to determine what regulations will apply to each. The question was raised as to whether other ordinances determine the difference based on production, for instance, 20kw, 30kw, 40kw, etc. Maybe all windmills should somehow be regulated under the same ordinance. There should be some setback limit for all. Discussion continued on personal vs. commercial and what we need to regulate. If our height limit for commercial is the same as the height limit already there for personal, how the difference regulated. We do not want to discourage the use of renewable energy by individuals by limiting them with a complex application. While our charge was to come up with commercial regulations, it was thought that was a vague description. We should put in our concerns. We don't know whether planning has ever considered this previously.

We need to be sure that we have a reference document for explanation of the regulations that we include in our ordinance.

Next week we will take a model ordinance document and begin to insert language based on research that we have conducted. Some language or sections in the model may not be necessary or appropriate for Centerville Township so those will be deleted as we review.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 25 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Hyde2